

TOWN OF ACTON
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING
DATE: Monday, October 1, 2012 @ 3:00 P.M.
SENIOR CENTER – AUDUBON DRIVE

Present: Barbara Willson, Chair; Charlie Aaronson, Vice Chair; Ann Corcoran, Secretary; Sharon Mercurio, Director; Sally Thompson, Treasurer; Paul Turner; Marion Maxwell, Stephen Baran; Jim Papachristos; Norma Wu, Liaison Friends of the COA; Mike Gowing, Liaison Board of Selectmen;

Business Meeting

Call To Order – Barbara Willson Meeting called to order at 3:00

Minutes of September 10, 2012 Meeting-

Ann Corcoran submitted the minutes of Sept meeting. Corrections were made and the minutes were accepted

Director's Report Sharon Mercurio

Sharon listed the many meetings that she participated in both with other town employees and with other organizations, including the Safety net meeting. In addition she held training sessions for COA volunteers as both front desk and senior workers.

Sharon reported that the average daily number of seniors accessing the center in September was 109. In addition 11 programs and trips currently have waiting lists, this demonstrates an eagerness to participate in the current center offerings. The staff has looked at many alternatives to the oversubscribed exercise class and cannot currently find a workable solution.

Sharon listed the building updates... currently completed paving and parking spaces, the generator update will be completed by November and the building renovations will begin on December 14 th.

Sharon also wants to have an updated website for the center which will make current news for senior events available in a timely fashion.

Announcements

EEOA Training Sessions .. list distributed

Training Sessions Sharon and Barbara Willson urged the board members to participate in one of the upcoming training sessions for COA Board members

MCOA Conference Participation is encouraged

New Business

I. Marion Maxwell visited the Board of Health to find the specific issues surrounding the septic system of the center. Aided by Mike Gowing 's recollections at the time of construction; a current overview of the septic issues were discussed. The septic system that the center is connected to was the first created by the builder for phase I of construction and therefore is the oldest one in the complex and has less overall capacity.

II. Charlie spoke of the necessity of revisiting the Board's position as advocates for the center and for intergenerational use of the center. Sharon and the Recreation Department are trying to better utilize the current space as a community center by offering classes at off times of senior use. September recreation offerings were cancelled because of a lack of interest and data for October is not yet available.

III. Charlie also noted that we need another member to fill out the current board and urged members to seek out volunteers.

Liaison Reports

Minuteman Senior Services – Charlie Aaronson_Charlie reports that no meeting has taken place yet and he will have a full report next time.

Disabilities Commission—Steve Baran has no new information to report at this time.

Board of Selectmen Mike Gowing, Board is continuing to look to implementation of shelter etc services. The board is currently collecting budget information.

Acton 2020 Implementation Marion Maxwell has no report at the present time.

Friends of COA – Norma Wu The Friends have many exciting activities currently underway to raise money for the center. The quilt raffle is augmented this year by a raffle of gift cards and both will be available for purchase at the polling places on November 6th. The plans for the fair are also in full swing and members of the friends are hard at work ensuring a successful fair in November.

Acton Police Department – Ray Grey Officer Grey was not present at this meeting.

Adjournment: at 4:15 Next meeting- Nov 5, 2012